

1 In addition to that, it really gave such power
2 to the governor, deprived the entire legislature of
3 so much of what ought to be its power that we looked and
4 sought for another way of carrying out what had been the
5 Maryland program for 50 years and in doing so, we adopted
6 a provision which we recommend, which is this: If the
7 budget is not approved by ten days before the end of the
8 session, then the governor declares the legislature to
9 have an extension, but the greatest thing that happens
10 immediately is no other bill, no other legislation of any
11 kind can be considered. The legislature has just got to
12 get the budget bill out. It stays in session until it
13 does, ~~whether it is the regular or general as it continues~~
14 ~~on into the general session. It goes into a special~~
15 ~~session. But~~ It must act. It just simply can't sit
16 still for one very important and salutary reason. No
17 other piece of legislation of any kind can pass either
18 branch of the General Assembly.

19 And everybody who is knowledgable in the practi-
20 cal workings of the General Assembly feels that this is a
21 much more workable plan. It is like what we have with